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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Todd J. MORTIER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/679,691	)	Examiner: D. Willse
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Filed: October 7, 2003	)	
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE AND METHOD	)	Confirmation No.: 3569

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Communication dated February 2, 2006, the period for response to which extends to March 6, 2006 (March 4, 2006, being a Saturday), and further to the Amendment filed on November 7, 2005, Applicants make this submission to address the issues identified by the Examiner in the February 2, 2006, Communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.